

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed February 3, 2005. Claims 12, 13, 15 and 16 have been amended. Claims 1, 3, 5-13, 15 and 16 are currently pending.

In the Official Action, the Examiner initially rejected claims 12, 13, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner rejected these claims as having insufficient antecedent basis for certain limitations set forth therein. In response to these rejections, Applicant hereby submits amendments to these claims, and as such respectfully submits that the rejections under § 112 should be removed.

Further in the Official Action, the Examiner went on to reject all of the currently pending claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. In response, Applicant is including a Terminal Disclaimer listing the five copending applications set forth in the Official Action, namely, U.S. Application Nos. 10/382,702, 10/776,434, 10/776,650, 10/776,651 and 10/776,656. Applicant believes the attached Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection raised by the Examiner.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

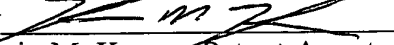
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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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